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The amendment filed March 8, 2004 proposes amendments to the specification, claims and drawings that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. Only claims 1-29 are present in the patent. Therefore, all new claims 30-87 should be completely underlined since they are not present in the patent. In the amendment filed March 8, 2004, only some of these new claims were completely underlined. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

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